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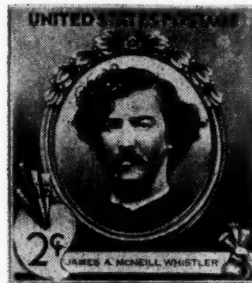
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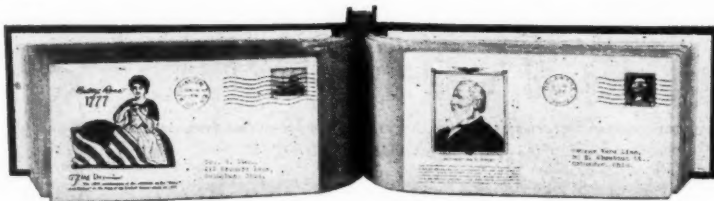
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Why Collect Canadian? Here Are Ten Reasons

By ROBERT E. SHERIFF

WHAT? With stamp collecting, as with all other things, there should be an answer to this question. I collect Canadian stamps. I choose Canadian stamps as my hobby because of fancy, but I have continued my collection of her stamps for several definite reasons.

First, Canada produces beautiful stamps: I would say the most beautiful in the world. Look through a collection of Canadian stamps and feast your eyes upon such beauties as the bridge at Quebec and the schooner *Bluenose* in the issue of 1928, the old church at Grand Pre in the 1930 series, Windsor castle or the yacht *Britannia* in the Jubilees, or Halifax harbor in the new regular issue.



These are only a few of her beautiful stamps; she has many more. An album of Canadian stamps means a lot to non-philatelists when they look through your collections, for they do not look for value but rather beauty. And in Canadian they find many pages of attractive stamps.

Second, Dominion stamps are a good investment. Countries can usually be judged by what they have done in the past. And back glances at Canada will show that she has been very sound financially. And the stamps of sound reliable countries do not usually default. Look at the financial condition of the country today: Canada has a national debt of three billion dollars, but she has assets of over 25 billion dollars; the municipal indebtedness of the entire nation is one-fifth in sinking funds.*

Third, Canadian stamps are not overly expensive. None of the stamps since the Quebec issue would cost more than one dollar, and many of these could be had for only a few cents. Thirty-eight cents would buy every air mail stamp issued, and the most expensive special-delivery stamp costs only 25c. Of course, the old

issues run up high, but even then only 15% are listed at prices in excess of one dollar.

Fourth, It is not hard to keep a collection of Canadian stamps up to date. If you had purchased mint copies of all Canadian stamps issued during the last ten years it would have only cost you 85½¢ per year for postage issues and 18½¢ for special issues. This would



mean a little less than 10c per stamp and would give you a collection of 106 stamps. (During the same time the United States issued 241 stamps.)

Fifth, Canada has good philatelic manners. She does not issue stamps on the least provocation, nor make limited issues, nor issue stamps with the idea of selling them to collectors and profiteering at the expense of philately. She does not issue high value stamps which are of no use postally, nor change her issues without due reason.

Sixth, she is helpful to collectors. Whenever new stamps are to be issued she gives the collectors of the world notice and sufficient time to prepare first day covers. Then she operates a philatelic agency at which these stamps can be bought. Stamps dating back to even

1914 can be purchased from her agency and all are in good condition. If they are off center, she warns you before you buy them. She is glad to offer information and help, and is very prompt on her orders and letters.

Seventh, when you collect Canadian stamps you are not alone. I believe that there are more people in the United States who collect the stamps of Canada than any other country with the exception of the United States. And when you have a friend in a hobby, it becomes more interesting. You have someone to trade with, someone to share your ideas and stamps with, and someone to talk with about a common interest. This is a vital part of collecting.



Eighth, there is much available help in publications. By looking through catalogs and magazines you can readily find many sources of help and much information about Canadian stamps. There are many fine catalogs which can be had free on Canadian stamps.

Ninth, it is very easy to extra-illustrate a Canadian collection. There are many government booklets and much other travel literature which has beautiful illustrations of the pictorial scenes which are seen on Canadian stamps. It is also very easy to get descriptive matter if you desire to write this in your album.

Tenth, Canada is our best neighbor. It has been over 125 years since we have been at war with Canada and during this time our relations have been brought closer together. Many of us have visited Canada and become intimate with Canadian life and Canadian beauty. We have seen the places which are pictured on Canadian stamps and have learned to love them. We can feel as if more than just the pictures on the stamps belong to us and that we have something in common with this great sister country.

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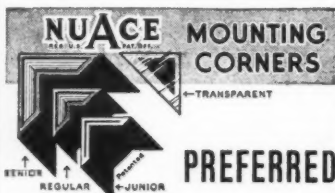
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These ten reasons may not be all of the reasons why I collect Canadian stamps but they are contributing factors to my love for them. But regardless of reasons, I do love Dominion stamps, and I shall urge all those whom I can to collect the stamps of Canada.

*Source of statistics: Official handbook of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Department of Trade and Commerce.

†All figures are taken from the KenMore Catalog.

Postal Profits Increase

Postal receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, reached an all time high, \$766,000,000. This is an increase of \$20,000,000 over the preceding year. If the services provided free to government agencies and officers are ignored, the Department made a net profit of \$8,000,000 on its other operations which Mr. Farley termed "postal services rendered to the public for hire."

Of particular interest to collectors is the statement that sales of postage stamps increased during the year in contrast with preceding years when most of the gains in postal revenues came from permit usage by meter machines or paid imprints. Mr. Farley attributed the gain in stamp sales to heavier use of the mails by individuals in addition to the normal increase by business and industry. Increases were not attributed to any particular locality, but were nationwide.

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• The report of the Union of South Africa's postmaster general for 1938-1939 has been published at one shilling and collectors may find therein many references to stamps. Copies are obtainable of the department.

• What is claimed to be the finest collection of Canada is at the University of Western Ontario, bequeathed to that institution by Dr. A. O. Jeffrey, former president of the London Life Insurance Co. of Canada.—The Hartford Courant.

• Ebenezer Hazard, Postmaster General to the Continental Congress, once complained that having to pay high prices for all the ordinary necessities of life, he was obliged to accompany the armies on foot, since no horses were to be had.

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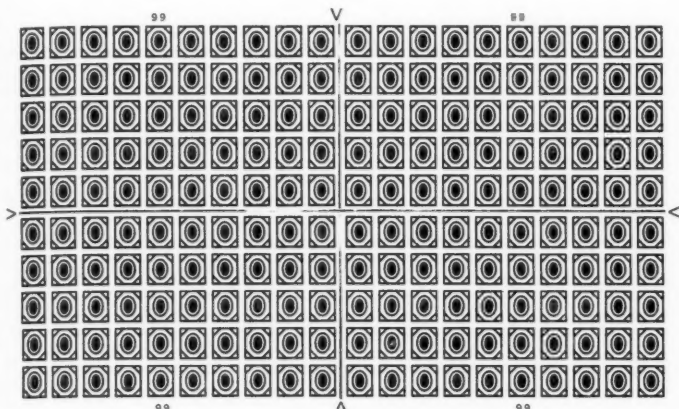
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U. S. Plate Layouts and Their Markings

THE 200-SUBJECT FLAT PLATES



To print ordinary size stamps of which comparatively small quantities were required, the Bureau has at various times since it started printing stamps in 1894, prepared plates containing but 200 subjects. These plates simply contained two panes of 100 stamps each and in style of plate markings, location and arrangement followed the 400 subject plates. The only major difference is the omission of plate numbers at left and right sides. Since these stamps were to be issued in panes of 100, on all the vertical format stamps the printed sheets of 200 were cut apart only on the vertical centerline and the horizontal centerline was perforated. The \$1 and \$2 1923 are the only exceptions in ordinary postage issues as since these are horizontal format designs the reverse is true; they being cut horizontally and perforated vertically on the centerlines. Thus of each of these stamps printed from 200 subject plates it will be seen that two positions of the arrow blocks are obtainable, while the other two arrows are obtainable only split (sometimes called "half arrows"). No centerline blocks could exist and it will be noted that the "corner" stamps from the center where the lines cross, exist with one side straightedge and the other guideline side perforated. Line pairs and blocks are obtainable too from these printings, something not obtainable from the 400-subject printings (except of course from imperforates issued purposely or in error).

It is often thought, erroneously, that all stamps with guide line side perforated have had these perforations faked. On these stamps the horizontal guide line on a perforated side is normal: 6c, 8c, 15c, 50c, \$1, \$2 and \$5 of 1894, 1895 or 1898; 99 issues; 1902 50c, \$1, \$2 and \$5; 1908 Washington head design 50c and \$1; 1912 Franklin head design \$1. On these stamps the horizontal guide line is found both perforated and with straight edge as they were printed from both sizes of plates: 3c, 4c, 5c 1894 unwatermarked printing only; and the 15c 1902 and 50c

1912 Franklin head. All of these stamps are normal with vertical guide line on a straight edge only and if the vertical guide line is perforated you are certain it is a fake. It will also be noted that copies of the \$1 and \$2 1923 with hori-

zontal guide line perforated are also products of the reperforator. The 50c Franklin (1912 design) should also be easy to check as only No. 422, the stamp on double line watermarked paper perforated 12 was printed from 200 subjects, No. 421 and later printings all normally having straightedges always on sides having guidelines.

The same type of 200 subject plates were used to print a few commemoratives. These include the 1901 Pan-Americans and the 1907 Jamestown Exposition. These were slightly larger than normal stamps but the plates were laid out like those for the \$1 and \$2 1923. The Pan-Americans were bicolored and of course two plates were used, so some plate markings are in red, some in black, and others in both colors, notably the arrows and plate numbers.

For certain large-size stamps such as the Special Deliveries and commemoratives, 200-subject plates have been used. These plates followed the design of the 400 subject plates rather than the 200-subject ordinary. These plates had the usual centerlines terminating in arrows, plate numbers at top, bottom and sides (two to each pane of 50) and were cut along both centerlines into post office panes of 50. Thus all guideline stamps of these issues have straightedge. The only exceptions are the 3c Byrd, 3c Boul-

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FAIR TIDINGS

"Vincent Lopez Day" at the International Stamp Exhibition in the British Pavilion at the New York World's Fair proved quite an affair. Highlights of the day occurred when Lopez picked the "Queen of Stampdom" amid snapping photoflashes. Never saw a stamp exhibition take on so much glamour, we're convinced that what philately needs is more "oomph." Chosen as Queen was bee-u-tiful blonde Lyn (Oooh) Janice, a lovely young lassy with a classy chassis. Yoo hoo! Miss Janice, can we come over to your house some night and . . . and . . . swap stamps? Huh?

Seen and heard: Steve (Verona, N. J.) Rich taking in the show . . . ditto Syd Barret, popular prez of the American Stamp Dealers Assoc. . . . Charlie Montrose, V. P. of the Bay Ridge Stamp Society placed part of his collection on display at the show . . . as has Mrs. Anna Elkins . . . Felix Huppe whose collection of "Stamps Used as Money" is on exhibit has just returned from the Democratic convention in Chicago . . . Irvin Duddleson who does the stamp column for the Miami News and a local philatelic broadcast over WIOD, that city, was to see the displays . . . Triafone Stanich tells us that he, Eugene Costales and John Nicklin were among the charter members of the Brooklyn Stamp Club way back in 1915 . . . That young cashier at the stamp show, Marion (Through the Turnstile) Buck was once assistant to Ambrose O'Connell, recently appointed First Assistant Postmaster-General . . . Saw Arnold (International Stamp Club) Bernard and family doing the Fair . . . Alfred Litchenstein, Dr. Elias Silberstein, Frank Zeltman and Lloyd Heath.

FOURTH ESTATE

Former stamp editor of the *Chicago Herald-Examiner*, A. E. Geldhof, now holds the job of night telegraph editor of the *Washington Times-Herald*. Regretted to hear Charles Kenny's National Stamp News folded after 15 months of continuous publication . . . it was a fine looking job. The paper has been combined with the International Stamp Review . . . Dick McP. Cabeen's stamp column in the *Chicago Tribune* reveals more summer club activity in that city than in New York . . . Some 28 clubs meet weekly despite the summer heat . . . New York stamp page advertising lineage has hit the summer slump, but the boys are making plans for a big fall . . . Quote from *Colliers* magazine, "Stamp collecting has an antiseptic effect on the sanity of this more or less insane world" . . .

Cleveland may well be proud of its Donald W. Martin whose program, "What's Your Hobby?" presented over WHK, is making that city hobby-conscious. "Don" formerly did a stamp program over WCLE. He did a swell

radio publicity job on the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Garfield-Perry Stamp club last March 29th . . . nice goin', Don.

IN THE MAIL

C. L. Elliot, Montclair, N. J.—"Where may I contact 'Broncho' Charlie Miller, the last living Pony Express rider you spoke of recently?" W.K.—"Charlie had a special day in his honor at the Fair stamp show on July 28th. He's very interesting and quite spry, despite his age of 91. Contact him care of Gladys Erskine, 51 Morton St., N.Y.C."

Felix Huppe, Elmhurst, L. I.—"Like your column, it's interesting and jolly. Keep up the good work." W.K.—"Please, Mr. Huppe, we're blushing!"

Florence Lamport, Phila.—"Enjoyed your column. Incidentally, that was me you saw mounting Ethel Stewart's 24-cent inverted airmail, not Mrs. Stewart." W.K.—"Scuze the slip."

NEWS AND VIEWS

There'll be a branch postal station at the APS convention . . . Hugh Clark has been added to the Board of Governors of the New York Collectors Club . . . C. R. Thompson now heads the California Collectors Club . . . Aug. 19th is National Aviation Day, in case you airmail fans wanna know . . . First year the U. S. adopted the postage stamp there were 860,380 stamps sold . . . Scott's catalog

coming out shortly brings to mind that the original edition of the catalog consisted of 24 pages and sold for 15 cents . . . Formerly divided into four postal zones, Queens County, N. Y., has been granted a uniform 2 cents postage rate . . . thanks to Congressman William Barry . . . That dynamic, yet easy talking Joe Glaston, Vincent Lopez's praise agent spent four years doing publicity for Capt. Tim Healy . . . Just goes to show you the influence of stamps upon an individual. The P. O. Dept. issues a baseball stamp and now Postmaster General Farley wants to buy the Yankees! Incidentally, it is rumored that Sen. Robert Wagner of New York will take over the job as Postmaster General when and if Farley resigns.

Dayton Honors Wrights

On August 19, the city of Dayton will unveil a memorial to the Wright Brothers in that city. The postmaster has prepared a cachet and tentative plans call for establishment of a post office at the site and the carrying of covers by plane from the memorial to the Dayton airport. Last reports said permission for this had been requested. General practice of the Post Office Department is to permit local bodies to use cachets if cachet is supplied by them, not the post office. Steven H. Sunisic, 4241 Cleveland Ave., Dayton, O., supplies a clipping and offers to handle covers for readers.

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The shield at the left contains the denomination designation "3c" in black and the one at the right incorporates the Coronado Coat of Arms.

The new stamp, which is to be arranged horizontally, is 84/100ths by 1 44/100ths inches in dimension.



and issued in sheets of 50, will be placed on sale for the first time at the Albuquerque, New Mexico, post office on September 7, 1940, and it will be available at other post offices throughout the country as soon thereafter as distribution will permit.

The central motif of the new stamp, which is to be arranged in the form of an oval, will be a reproduction of the

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the new stamp on September 7 may send a limited number of addressed covers, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster at Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a cash or postal money order remittance to cover only the cost of the stamps required for affixing. *Postage stamps will positively not be accepted in payment.*

The designer of the new Coronado Expedition stamp was Victor S. McCloskey, Jr., the engraver of vignette and ornaments Charles A. Brooks; and the frame and lettering engraving was done by John S. Edmonson.

Cincinnati Broadcast

Cincinnati's WLW will carry a broadcast direct from the Crosley Building at the New York World's Fair, Tuesday, August 20 at 10:30 P. M.(EST).

Walter Kaner, radio commentator on stamps, will tell of philatelic displays at the Fair in the International Stamp Centennial Exhibition.

painting "Coronado and His Captains," by Gerald Cassidy, the title of which is shown in white Gothic lettering in a narrow panel with solid background at the base of the picture. In a horizontal panel with dark ground at the lower edge of the stamp is the wording "1540—Coronado Cuarto Centennial—1940" in white architectural Roman lettering. In a similar arrangement at the top of the stamp, partly obscured by the central design, is the wording "U. S. Postage" at the left and "Three Cents" at the right. In the space below these inscriptions are white shields ornamented by laurel branches.



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Editor's Notebook

ARTICLES At times the philatelic press has been criticized for not printing more articles intended to add to philatelic knowledge. Most articles submitted for publication are to a considerable extent reshapes of the catalogue or existing scattered articles and notes; adding little if anything to philatelic knowledge. It has been thought the chief reason for this scarcity of informative writings has been lack of cash remuneration to authors. We wonder if this really is the reason for authors or prospective authors failing to put in writing their knowledge? In the light of recent events we do not think so any more.

Linn's and Mekeels in February carried announcement of \$300 in prizes to be awarded in a manuscript contest sponsored by the Philatelic Research Laboratories. The prizes were (and still are) offered for the best instructive and informative treatises that would add to collectors' knowledge of U. S. stamps of issues prior to 1880. Certainly it covered a broad and fertile field, for no one can deny these issues are the ones in which there are the most gaps in known data.

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Yet, so far we have published but one article that seemed to meet the simple rules, and Mekeels if we recall correctly, have printed none. Of the other four or five articles submitted, their authors had failed to understand the intent of the contest and had covered issues of much more recent vintage, or rewritten existing information about the early issues. Here we have the novel situation of prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$50 awaiting claimants, yet almost no one tries to win them. It would appear that we can reject as disproven the old theory that good philatelic articles are scarce because of lack of monetary reward for incentive. We believe the main reason is that most who have in their possession, interesting data, are not writers by profession or avocation, and either do not know how to put their facts in writing or postpone until too late the preserving of their information.

FEET OF CLAY Well, it seems as if after all an error has appeared in the Famous American series. Dr. A. H. Lemke of Wausau, Wisc., supplies us with copies of the magazine "Wisconsin Horticulture" for February and July, 1923, and therein are some interesting articles that if accepted would make our recently published biography of Luther Burbank as well as those in the encyclopedias all wrong. Under the heading, "Behold Our Idol Has Feet of Clay," the editor states among other things Burbank was "... a man of only ordinary horticultural ability and in no sense a scientist." That would make the 3c Scientist stamp a complete error! Some pretty strong words are included in the articles and on the factual side Burbank was challenged to show that any of his "creations" did not already exist or that he actually produced anything. Since Luther apparently didn't bother to answer the accusations and we aren't horticulturists, we can't pass on the merits of the dispute. So far as the stamp is concerned, we collectors are used to mistakes. Our albums are full of them.

—R. R.

Perts and Imperts

FOUR OF THE STAFF OF HARRIS Publications, British philatelic publishers, are serving with the armed forces, the advertising manager being a lance corporal. Their bookkeeper was in the B. E. F. and shipwrecked twice during the disastrous evacuation of Dunkirk.

RE OUR NOTE ABOUT TRIFET. Frank Pollard Brown writes in that he bought his entire stock in 1896 or 1897. Trifet told Mr. Brown that he put between \$3,000 and \$4,000 of his own stock into the government collection, receiving all the obsolete stock in the P. O.'s pay. He estimated he got 5,000 or 6,000 sets of the 1857

CATALOGUE NUMBERS

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issue, a part sheet of 30 or 40 of the 30c black of 1851 design and a miscellaneous lot of proofs and essays. Though he realized between \$8,000 and \$10,000 for the lot, it took him nearly 20 years to get it out! There's no puzzle as to who came out best on that deal. Chorus: the govt.

IT REALLY HAPPENED: A DEALER was called to the phone, asked if he had the 1c 1923 perf. 11 in stock and if he would send a price list to the caller. The answer was yes to both questions and the dealer spent 2c mailing the pricelist. A few days later he received an order for one "1c 1923 perf. 11, used" and an unused 1c Prexy was enclosed in payment, but no return postage! Needless to say the "order" was not filled. Weeks later

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the "customer" called again on the phone, reminding the dealer that the order hadn't been filled. On top of that, it might be mentioned the letter was sent the dealer in a 1½¢ envelope! One example of why stamp dealing is not the cinch some think it!

WHILE MOST OF US ARE CURIOUS as to what kind of stamps Hitler will issue for his conquered territories, no one is doing any wondering as to what Il Duce will get out for Djibouti, Tunis, etc. The rotogravure presses at Rome are probably working three shifts to produce the next stamps for those places.

The Forum

Philadelphia, Pa.
July 29, 1940

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS
Columbus, Ohio

Sirs:—

A couple of news items: I was in Bedford, Va. and Washington D. C., last week, and discovered that the Postmaster, Bedford, Va., has a full deck of 100 panes, upper right position, of Bicentennial 2c. A few are well centered, but most are about fine.

The Philatelic Agency exhibition has a pane, upper right position, of the 5c flat winged globe air mail, duly captioned "Sc Rotary Printing" while beneath is a block of the Rotary printing, captioned "Sc Flat Printing." I called the attention of the young lady in charge to the error, and she gave me a stiff argument that the captions were correct, and that two plate numbers, two split arrows and two straight edges were kosher for a rotary press pane. Finally she began to see the dawn, though, and promised sincerely to check up and rectify the error, if same existed as I maintained.

This calls to mind a visit a few years ago to Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, where a perforated stamp of the 50's or 60's (I do not remember offhand just what it is) is mounted with a Colonial letter, and the superintendent of the place solemnly avows that it was sent along as prepayment of the requested reply to the said letter. He would have exactly none of my explanation that the stamp came along years after the letter had been written.

Enclosed is a flash shot which you may find interesting: nearly two years ago, when the \$5 Prexy came out, you ran a story on Francis L. Florian, Washington, Pa., and his first day cover with a block of eighteen \$5 stamps. Well, being a collector of sorts, myself, I figured that anybody doing the job so thoroughly would be able to use some sympathy, so wrote him a note; we subsequently corresponded a bit and found much of mutual interest. Finally, last week I had to run out to Pittsburgh on business, so figured in an extra few hours and sauntered over to Washington, Pa., to meet fellow nut Florian. The "introduction" was for him to drop a 10c '47 on cover, and step on the first hand that grabbed for it as the passengers unloaded at the bus station. Believe it or not, that is just what he did—but that cover was done up in enough yards of cellophane to protect it from a medium tank.

I hit town about five o'clock, and after a bit of dinner together (at which he introduced me to "Dutch" Thompson, an air mail pilot from the very early teens, and several local lights in the stamp collecting fraternity) we adjourned to the Florian home, sent the Mrs. to the movies and chased the three kids to bed, and did the stamp act until about 2:30 a.m. The enclosed shot shows the scenery, with FLP guarding the page containing block of 18, first day, of the \$2 and \$5 items. The item in front of me is a personal crash of 9-11-33, generously smeared with blood when I wrecked my car. Scattered about the tables, and in the

large case at my left (in which I brought a case of covers, etc.) are albums, packages, and envelopes of historicals, pioneers, first flights, first days, a lot of mint stuff (not all recent, either), and enough stuff in general to convict the both of us as stamp nuts of the first water. Seriously, it was a rousingly enjoyable evening, topped off by a late visit downtown for a snack, and all three of us (number 3 is Mr. O'Brien, a sympathetic non-collector who kindly played photog with my camera to get the enclosed picture) certainly want you to know that our appreciation of the evening reflects to LINN'S, through the original article there which led to our getting acquainted. So more power to you, and keep the good work going.

Robert L. Jones.

U. S. Plate Layouts

(Continued from page 661)

der Dam, the 1930 and 1933 Zeppelins, and the Clippers. To understand the layout of these plates, simply add side plate numbers to each pane of 50 and you have the layout for all such issues up to 1930 and including the Graf Zeppelins of that year. Since these were larger stamps a pane of 50 of them would nearly equal in size a pane of 100 of ordinary stamps.

We neglected to mention when discussing the 400-subject plates that usually, but not always, the plate number at top of the upper right pane is preceded by a letter "F." This is popularly believed to mean "Finished" but is only the initial letter of Frank Martele, who put this on plates when they were hardened, to signify that work had been done. The F is almost without exception found over the number in the top right pane, and when smaller plates were made it was found over the right pane or to the right plate number at top. Since there was but one "F" plate number to each printed sheet, these were prized more than other position plate number blocks.

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A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—2,000,000 were printed of the Pan-American Union Commemorative, chronicled by us May 25th.

New Air Post Stamps are in preparation. The values are: 30c., 50c., 1P., 1.25P. and 2.50P.

(H. G. Spanton)

AUSTRALIA—Commemoratives. A set of stamps of four values were officially announced to be issued July 15th, commemorating Australian participation in the war. Values: 1d., 2d., 3d. and 6d.

(Stamp Collecting)

BOLIVIA—Of the 150,000 printed of the Pan-American Union Commemorative, chronicled by us June 22nd, 100,000 were sent to the office of the Union in Washington, D. C. Originally the value was to be 8b., but on the advice of the Pan-American Union Office it

was changed to 9b., thus necessitating the destruction of the 8b. stamps already printed, to the value of 280,000 bolivars.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

BRITISH GUIANA—New Shade. The latest supply of the current 1c. stamp, is printed in a deeper, duller green than that of the original printing.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

BULGARIA—Only 300,000 copies of each value were printed of the two postal commemoratives noted by us July 20th.

Another National Products set is in preparation and will be issued shortly. Announced values and designs are: 10s. sheaf of wheat; 15s. farmer ploughing; 30s. honey industry; 50s. fruit industry; 3L. wool industry; 5L. fruit market.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

COLOMBIA—New Postage. First of a new set. Small upright rectangular format, profile portrait facing left:

1P. black (General Sucre) (R. Roberts)

Fifth National Athletic Games Issue. To be issued in December in honor of the Games to be held at Bucaramanga the end of 1940. Announced values, colors and designs are:

1c. green (athletics) 100,000
5c. brown (football) 800,000
8c. red (discus or javelin thrower) 50,000
10c. orange (basketball) 60,000
15c. blue (cycling) 50,000
50c. violet (swimming) 10,000
1P. rose (tennis) 5,000

Air Post Stamp

50c. gray (target shooting)

Also five thousand miniature sheets, containing all values are to be printed and sold for 2P. each. Evidently the 50c. Air Post stamp will not be included in the sheet.

(Stamp Collecting)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—6,000 instead of 2,000 were printed of the 1P. Pan-American Union stamp noted by us July 27th.

Quantities printed of other stamps chronicled by us recently were: Postage Stamp Centenary: 3c.—600,000; 7c.—100,000; Mother's Day Commemoratives: 1c.—400,000; 2c.—100,000; 3c.—600,000; 7c.—100,000.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

FIJI—New Value. Heralded in our notes of March 30th. Large horizontal rectangular format, arms of Colony in left central portion, head of King in upper right, value in lower right. Engraved, script C.A. wmkd., perf. 14 1/2:

1s5d. carmine & black

(R. Roberts)

FRANCE—1940 New York Fair Commemorative. Same design and color as issue of 1939, but new value. Date on stamp is still "1939":

A97—2.50fr. ultramarine

Semi-Postals. Horizontal rectangular format:

80c. plus 1f. green & red (Saved)
1f. plus 2f. brown & red (For our Rusement)

(L. A. Waddell)

GREAT BRITAIN—Morocco Agencies. Minor variety. The 10c. on 1p. value of the Centenary set chronicled by us recently is interesting in that all of the surcharges on the lower half of the sheet are in thinner and lighter lettering than the remainder. The difference does not appear to be of different type but rather due to some technical variation in making the surcharging forms. Vertical pairs can be obtained from the two center rows of the sheets, showing both types of surcharge se tenant.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

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| 115-119 Caribou Issue | (5) | | | .10 |
| 115-126 Caribou Issue Cp. | (12) | 7.80 | | 7.00 |
| 128 Surcharged | (1) | 7.00 | 35.00 | |
| 127-130 Surcharged | (4) | 8.10 | | |
| 127-9-130 Surcharged | (3) | 2.10 | 10.00 | |
| 131-137 Pictorials | (7) | 1.25 | | .45 |
| 131-143 Pictorials | (13) | 4.50 | | 2.70 |
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| 212-225 Sir Humphrey Gil. Cp. | (14) | 10.00 | 50.00 | |
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| 244 48c value | (1) | .50 | 2.00 | |
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- 20f. plus 10f. vermilion (statue)
- 32f. plus 16f. gray (open book)

(Mark Revez)

INDIA—Chamba. High value stamps of British India of the 1937 issue, overprinted in black in two lines "CHAMBA STATE SERVICE" Wmkd., mult. stars, perf. 13½x14:

- A82—2R. dark brown & deep violet
- A82—5R. ultramarine & dark green
- A82—10R. carmine & dark violet

Orcha. High values to go with those noted by us June 8th. Lithographed, unwmkd., perf. 13½:

- A3—2R. violet
- A3—5R. orange yellow

Patiala. In our notes of November 25th., we mentioned the 1 anna on the 1½ anna overprinted Patiala State Service. It now appears that there are two varieties of this overprint and surcharge. The one previously noted "PATIALA STATE" and "SERVICE" (9½mm.) were overprinted in one operation and the surcharge in another. On the later printings (now at hand) "PATIALA STATE" was overprinted in one operation and "SERVICE" (8½mm.) together with the surcharge in another. Also in our notes of November 25th., we mentioned the existence of two values of the 1939 India Official stamps overprinted for use here, which we now list. Under-noted, overprinted in black "PATIALA", wmkd., mult. stars, perf. 13½ x 14:

- O8—9p. green
- O8—1a. carmine

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

Travancore. According to Gibbons' latest Stamp Monthly, there appears to be a new printing of the 1932 design, with the color different from the previous issue. Scott's list the earlier "being 'bright violet' while Gibbons' call the new one just 'violet.' Perf. 12, wmkd., shell:

- A2—½ch. violet

Above noted stamp has also been overprinted in one line in black "SERVICE." This is to conform with new regulations that official stamps will in the future be overprinted "Service" in place of "On S. S." Scott's state that this stamp is the 1932 issue so overprinted, but we prefer to follow Gibbons' who say that it is a new color.

INDO-CHINA—Souvenir Sheet. Same data on this as for Cameroons, given in our notes of July 20th:

- A1a—30c. dull violet

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

IRISH FREE STATE—Additional Values. To go with those chronicled by us recently, on paper wmkd., mult. "E." Perf. 15x14:

- A1—5p. bright violet
- A4—10d. brown

(R. Roberts)

IRISH FREE STATE. Coil Stamp. Type of 1922-23, typographed, wmkd. mult. "E," perf. 13½ horizontally:

- A2—1p. rose-carmine

Types of 1922-23. Typographed, perf. 14½ x 14, wmkd. mult. "E":

- A2—3p. deep green
- A3—9p. violet
- A1—1sh. blue

(R. Roberts)

ITALIAN EAST AFRICA—Commemorative. Triennial Overseas Exposition, held in Naples this year.

- 5c. brown (lake view)
- 10c. red-orange (archer)
- 25c. green (statue)
- 50c. purple (same as 5c.)
- 75c. carmine (same as 10c.)
- 1.25L. indigo (same as 25c.)
- 2L. plus 75c. rose carmine (same as 10c.)

Air Post Stamps. To go with above set:

- 50c. olive green (armoured car with plane)
- 1L. purple (Large transport plane)
- 2L. plus 75c. gray-blue (same as 50c.)
- 5L. plus 2.50L. brown (same as 1L.)

(R. Roberts)

JUGOSLAVIA—Quantities issued of the Postal Employee's charity stamps chronicled by us February 17th., were 100,000 each of the four lower values and 75,000 each of the highest value. This set is not to be confused with the other postal employee's set noted by us June 15th., which is another issue entirely.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

JUGOSLAVIA—Balkan Entente Commemoratives. Typographed, unwmkd., perf. 12½. Shields of the four nations surrounding a flaming torch. Shields arranged as follows: Upper left Yugoslavia; upper right Greece; lower left Roumania; lower right Turkey. Stamps may be collected in pairs as the country name is alternated on the stamps in the sheet in Cyrillic and Latin characters:

- 3 dinar, blue
- 4 dinar, deep blue

Semi-Postals. Child Welfare Issue. Photogravure, unwmkd. The 50p. and 1d. are

horizontal rectangular format 40 x 29, perf. 11½; the other two values are small upright 24 x 30mm., perf. 12½:

- 50p. plus 50p. orange & red-brown (Children playing in snow)
- 1D. plus 1D. blue-green (Children at seashore)
- 1.50D. plus 1.50D. rose & mauve (same as 50p.)
- 2D. plus 2D. purple violet (same as 1D.)

(R. Roberts)

MADAGASCAR—Souvenir Sheet. Same data on this as given for Cameroons in our notes of July 20th:

- A14a—3fr. orange-red

Types of 1931-36. Photogravure, unwmkd., perf. 13x13½:

- A14—3c. sapphire blue
- A14—45c. bright green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

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U. S. NOTES

No change in revenue stamps is announced as a result of the Revenue Act of 1940 (Defense Tax Act) as stamps in current use on Tobaccos, Beverages, etc., are in denominations having the quantity of the container rather than monetary value of stamp inscribed. Beer was taxed \$5 by the federal government and the new tax increases this to \$6. Thus the stamps inscribed in fractions of barrels automatically increased in face value and the government probably has already devised some means of compensating for this. Since very thorough records are kept of stamps sold and used, no change will be necessary in the stamps if the difference is collected on stamps not yet used.

Defense Stamp in Fall

President Roosevelt has approved a proposal to issue a "National Defense" stamp. To appear in the fall, denomination will be 3c or less and stamp will be ordinary size. Design not selected.

No explanation has yet been received (though we wrote the P. M.) of the cover described in the July 6 column; apparently the "MAILED ON RURAL ROUTE" marking being applied in error to the cover. This marking is regularly applied to packages mailed on these routes to indicate the reason for lower postage on packages mailed on the routes. When addressed for local delivery such packages are charged 2c less and for other addresses 3c less than usual postage. The marking is to avoid packages being charged postage due upon delivery. This cover bore no indication of having been affixed to a parcel as several readers suggested.

Pablo M. Esperidion sends us an article on a second error he has found in the 18 Centavos 1932 "Pagsanjan Falls" Philippines stamp. As was discovered soon after issuance the actual view shown was of Vernal Falls in Yosemite—in California. Now, Pablo has discovered that in referring to the falls as Pagsanjan, even if the right picture had been used, the stamp is in error as the correct name of the falls is "Magdapio Falls." It seems the falls are generally termed "Pagsanjan" since it is from this village visitors depart in small boats to view this scenic wonder in the Province of Laguna.

The possibility that the 2c 1922-26 perforated 12 referred to in our July 27 Notes may be one of the counterfeits

which appeared a few years ago is suggested by E. A. Bauer, Albany. This stamp we might add for the benefit of readers unfamiliar with it was printed apparently by lithography and is a much coarser production than the government issues. A stamp collector should be able to spot the difference at a glance. Most seemed to have been used in New York City.

The existence of a possible fifth copy of U. S. No. 425d is likely as may be noted from a letter by T. W. Ellison of Goliad, Texas. Mr. Ellison says he found a copy in a mixture purchased in November, 1936, from a dealer (Warner Bates) and that he gave his copy to a friend, Edgar C. Welters of Shiner, Texas. Scott's did not then, as now, price the stamp.

A current issue of U. S. stamps little known to most collectors are the postal cards. The common 1c Jefferson card is known to all, also the reply 1c featuring the George and Martha Washington heads. Sometimes mistaken for an obsolete issue is the 1c card with Lincoln stamp, found only in 3x5 inch size. There are also 2c and 3c single and reply cards. The 2c red card has a stamp portraying Grant and the 3c, also red, has the head of McKinley. The 2c reply cards have a modified form of the Liberty head design of 1892 while the 3c is with McKinley head. The single foreign cards are same size as the 1c Jefferson card (3¼x5½ inches) but the foreign double cards are larger (3½x5½ inches). So all told, there are four single cards and three double cards current. Only certain post-offices stock all. The 1c is also sold in

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For the time being, friends who wish to contact Mr. Davenport can address him at his residence, 230 Lonsmount Drive, Toronto 10, Canada.

First Day Calendar

ARTISTS

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| 1c | Stuart, Narragansett, R. I. | Sept. 3 |
| 2c | Whistler, Lowell, Mass. | Sept. 3 |
| 3c | Saint-Gaudens, New York, N. Y. | Sept. 3 |
| 5c | French, Stockbridge, Mass. | Sept. 16 |
| 10c | Remington, Canton, N. Y. | Sept. 30 |
| 3c Coronado. First Day at Albuquerque, N. Mex., Sept. 7. | | |

• The first railway post offices in Greece were established in 1901 over the railroad from Piraeus, soon discontinued and then re-established in 1938. Other offices were established at various times.

• The first occupation stamps of the first World War were the German stamps overprinted "Belgien" and new value for use in the occupied Belgian territories.

BROADWAY CHATTER

BY B I S T A N D E R

A small shipment of the much publicized France 1940 New York World's Fair and Red Cross stamps was received. This shipment didn't last long in the hands of the wholesalers as the demand far exceeded the supply. Of course, this shipment came in at a higher price than the initial shipment. Some of the reasons for this price rise are increased War insurance, and foreign speculators releasing part of their supplies.

With the extremely hot summer we are having this year, many New York dealers are enjoying long week-ends. Quite a few of the boys closed their offices Friday night and forgot all about coming into New York on Monday. Instead they straggled in sometime Tuesday morning.

It seems with the arrival of each new Pan-American issue that a little more activity is stimulated in the Nassau St. and 42nd St. stamp markets. The arrival of the Nicaragua Pan-American stamp proved to be no exception to the above. This Nicaraguan stamp will take its place as one of the more beautiful of sets so far arrived. Many dealers believe that this stamp is the prettiest of the series. You collectors will be the final judge of this.

Many New York wholesalers have agreed among themselves to discontinue handling all German, and German protectorate stamps if they have to send

American dollars to Germany for this merchandise. New restrictions have made it impossible to smuggle stamps out of Germany.

One of the New York Newsreel theatres showed a short feature on stamp collecting. Herman Herst, Jr., took this opportunity to arrange a group of stamps and covers featuring the Penny Black, in the lobby of the theatre. Congratulations to Mr. Herst for this extra activity on his part to interest many non-collectors.

What They Say

"The establishment of a nation by peace,"—inscription in cancellation commemorating the establishment of Japan's puppet government in China, March 30, 1940.

"There is almost a touch of sardonic humor in the publishing in the Bee office of the handbook of precancels' chief enemy, the postage meter."—Stephen Rich in the *Precancel Bee*.

"... and there is always a jar of paste on F. D. R.'s desk, and do you know what it is there for? Why, to paste new stamps in his collection of course! He gets almost as much fun out of collecting stamps as Hitler does out of collecting countries."—Cal Tinney boner in the *Newark Star-Ledger* as noted by A. L. Giannaula, Newark dealer.

"His wife, the heroine of her son's painting (reproduced in the Mother's Day stamp of 1934), was a woman who did her best to make life miserable for members of the family."—Reprinted from "The Vagabond" in the *Joplin (Mo.) Globe*.

"And as for stamp collecting, one might cite the statement that no active stamp collector has been taken to an insane hospital."—Editorial in *Birmingham (Ala.) News*.

"Ours is a nation where a man born a slave may have his portrait engraved on a stamp that carries letters to every corner of the globe, as the portraits of kings and queens are elsewhere."—*Woman's Home Companion* on the 10c Booker Washington.

• Chinese stamps had an unusually large number of panes in the printed sheet. The lower values of the 1898 design were printed in sheets containing 12 panes of 20 stamps each.

• The postal service of Bechuanaland Protectorate was established in August, 1888, using stamps of British Bechuanaland overprinted.

Poet's Corner

THE MULREADY

Brittania is sending her messengers forth,
To the east and the west, to the south
and the north;
At her feet is a lion what's taking a nap
And a dishcover rests on her knees and
her lap.
To the left is a Mussulman writing a
letter,
His knees form a desk for the want of a
better;
To the right is the King of the Cannibal
Islands
In the same pantaloons as they wear in
the Highlands;
Some squaws by his side with their infantile
varmints
And a friend in the front who's forgotten
his garments.
Below to the left, as designed by Mulready,
Is sorrow's effect on a very fat lady;
While joy at good news is plainly described
In the trio engaged on the opposite side.
—How an 1840 "poet" described
the first stamped envelope
design.

• When the Greeks occupied Dedeagatch in the 1913 Balkan War only one block of eight of the 25 stotinki Bulgarian stamp was overprinted for use as a 25 lepta stamp and this is one of the rarest Greek stamps.

• The first Greek postal service was established in 1828 when four post offices were established by decree of the first independent governor, Count John Capo d'Istria, who is depicted on the 5 drachma stamp of 1930.

• The post office of Roadstown, N. J., will close on August 31.

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Auction Calendar

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Sept. 7—U. S., and Possessions. Uptown Stamp Co., 140L W. 42nd St., New York City.

Oct. 7—General Sale. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

• When Mr. Ma Hsiang-Pai reached the age of 100 on April 6, 1939, the Chinese Nationalist government used at the capital, Chungking, a special cancellation to commemorate the centenarian, says the *Asia Stamp Journal*.

• The alleged fact that an apple a day keeps the doctor away has been adopted by the Australian postal service as may be seen from the current slogan cancel from Melbourne: "EAT APPLES FOR HEALTH."

• It is said that the first stamp issued under authority of the Nazi Party of Germany is the 1923 inflation stamp, Scott's No. 310, 1 milliarde on 100 marks violet, issued at the time of the abortive Munich Putsch.

PRECANCEL STAMP NEWS

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MY OBSERVATION

About dateds. I do not intend to take either side of any argument no matter what, and intend to bring forth the interesting things that turn up from time to time in the dated overprints. On the other hand I will not play up the thing as an up and coming field because at the best I can see no future for the things except the better integrals and printeds. My contacts are limited to the collectors with whom I deal, the Members of the Central Ohio Precancel Club and the collectors I meet at the nearer to home precancel gatherings. I find very little interest in 'dateds' of any sort, even those interested in integrals confine themselves to some certain city for reasons known only to the mystic brotherhood. Rolston Lyon who is giving of his time to publishing a booklet should be congratulated as a pioneer in the sea of precanceldom for if he ever brings his ark to rest anywhere he sure will have accomplished a feat. Anyway we hope to review his booklet in a few weeks and we hope to find out then just how many collectors are really interested. We can conjure some bright things for the dateds as a collection made on just one stamp from each firm in one city. We can never see a general collection of Dateds. One collector suggests that dateds add double interest, but one look at the smear sometimes causes a quick loss of interest. Outside of the printed and integral overprints the balance of dateds are 98% illegible. One might think that the clerks applying the overprint threw the sheet up in the air and then threw the handstamp at the sheet, considering the results attained. Anyway this fall and winter should bring forth the decision as to just how much the Dateds will be recognized in the precancel field.

ORGANIZE

It must be admitted that no business firm, no club, baseball team, nor any gathering of peoples having a common idea and desire can ever get far unless organized. The readers of the Precancel magazines for the past several years have noted from time to time the various collectors reporting the inroads meters have made in precancels. The whole secret of the thing is that the firms selling the meters have a highly organized crew of men working almost day and night and from every angle establishing themselves as benefactors of mankind in the bringing forth of these wonderful machines. It was my privilege one evening to listen to one of these gentry and as I have mentioned before his whole sales talk finally culminated in the fact that a very accurate pair of scales went along with the meter outfit and saved the buyer enough to pay for the meter in a few years. And so it goes, and all I hear is a lot of cussing about the things but nothing ever done. One asks what can be done? Well for one

thing there are, I am certain, undeniable facts about meters that are NOT DESIRABLE but which are soft pedaled when selling. So if a few ornery and underwitted individuals should get together and publish only the undesirable facts about meters they could in no time slow down the wheels of progress for some time to come. Of course it should be noted that only unimpeachable facts be printed otherwise grave consequences might result. As this is a very risky undertaking only the very brave should volunteer.

Pony Express at Fair

On July 28 for three hours, the only surviving Pony Express rider, "Broncho" Charlie Miller, presided at the stamp exhibition at the New York World's Fair. Born at Hat Creek, Modoc County, Cal., on Jan. 1, 1850, Mr. Miller's parents were massacred by Indians and at the age of 8 he was a bronco buster. At the age of 11, despite claims he was too young to ride, he rode on the Express route over the trails he had learned so well. He rode the western route from Carson City to Sacramento. Mr. Miller became acquainted with many prominent figures of the West and has served in Indian Wars, the Spanish-American and World Wars, in between being occupied in such various manners as operating a gambling hall in Dodge City, driving a stage, and bronco buster with Buffalo Bill's show. At the Fair he autographed covers which were distributed to visitors and a special exhibition of Pony Express material was on display.

• Following receipt of a letter from his friend the Sultan of Trengganu bearing a stamp depicting that ruler, the Sultan of Kelantan demanded of the British representative that future stamps for Kelantan bear HIS portrait.

• Since publication of the 1939 U. S. Postal Guide, post offices have been opened on over 127 new or recommissioned naval vessels. Many more are to be established, some on ships out of commission for 16 years.

• The African republic of Stellaland set up in 1884 by the Boers on lands acquired from native tribes, was succeeded in 1885 by the British Colony of Bechuanaland and the Stellaland stamps thus rendered obsolete.

• Alvin Franzblau, 717 E. 5th St., New York City, offers to mail seven covers on Alaska steamships for their R. P. O. cancels if covers are sent ready to go plus 1c forwarding for each.

Philately Making Progress

That postage stamp collecting is making extraordinary progress, especially during the past two years, is corroborated by Secretary A. Wagner, of the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx Board. He states:

"In our estimate, made principally in the larger cities during the past summer, we find that not only has the number of collectors increased, but, old-time collectors have started anew, or regained their interest in post-stamp collecting. Another big factor is the immense number of women who are starting to be real collectors. From a close survey made by Mrs. Lucy C. Hooper in a three-year nation-wide contact, it has been found that not only have women been added to the men's clubs as active members, but new bodies of women are forming societies propagating "Philately."

"Whilst a huge number of smaller dealers have come into being, the established larger dealers, with stores or offices, are doing as well and even better than before—despite the new competition of smaller dealer-collector elements now in the field as competitors."

"From actual viewpoint among many large dealers, the market for U. S. is closely followed by the demand for British and British Colonials. Instead of the war decreasing the demand for the latter, it has vastly increased. My impression, gotten by actual visible contact, was impressed by the visits made to the larger wholesale and retail dealers, especially the stocks of new and old issues held by the only exclusive dealers in British and British Colonial postage stamps, the KenMore Stamp Company, Inc., of Kenmore, N. Y., where great stocks of every recent new issue and most of the former issues are kept on hand.

"During the visit of Col. Hooper and his party at KenMore Stamp Co.'s great emporium, large stacks of unused sheets of every recent issue of British Colonials astounded the visitors, who had expected to see a shortage of British Colonial stamps, especially of those of far-away colonies. But, to the surprise of all, the false bug-a-boo of "enemy submarines" had not at all affected the shipments of immense and valuable stocks of stamps to and from all parts of the British Empire. Col. Hooper stated that the immense stocks being received by the KenMore Stamp Co. daily was balanced by the outgoing sales shipments, which the war had not affected in the least. We also saw visible evidence of the 1940 stamp business, by noting and counting the immense bags of registered mail, express parcels, etc., being received and despatched through the post office by the KenMore Stamp Co."

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"I have a 2 pence Barbados stamp surcharged 'Kingston Relief Fund 1d' with this overprint upside down. Is this an error? It is rare?" This stamp, as our correspondent would have learned if he had looked the stamp up in Scott's, is not scarce, and Scott's price is the same with inverted surcharge as for normal, which would indicate that approximately equal quantities of each exist. The stamp was denounced when it appeared as a scheme to get collectors to pay for Barbados' show of sympathy for Kingston, Jamaica, then recovering from an earthquake. Barbados at the time was held in low esteem due to other stamp issues, also denounced as unnecessary, the 1907 printings of the 1906 commemoratives.

"Must I be present at the first day post office to mail my first day covers?" No. Only a few of the people who send first day covers are ever present at that city. Most senders send their covers under cover (inside a larger envelope addressed to the postmaster). The covers sent need not be addressed to just the person sending them to postmaster. A group of collectors can send their covers together.

"Have never seen another copy of a 1c 1898 I have. It is overprinted in black, precancel-style, 'Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec., 1901.' Not only is this 'precancel-style'—but it is a precancel. It is priced at \$1.00 in the current Hoover Bros. catalogue. Many of the early precancels were printed from type and appear often without lines or in forms quite different from the present time. Despite their age, most of the 1c are plentiful, for though there were fewer users of precancels then, the few that did use the stamps used larger quantities than the average present day mailer.

"A friend gave me a 2c Bicentennial stamped envelope which has stamp in pink instead of carmine. He says these were recalled by the government—can you supply any other information?" Thomas D. Perry in an article about the Bicentennial envelopes in the *American Philatelist* in May, 1937, states that the 2c is known in "carmine and pink" and that the pink is a "distinct and outstanding variety that is rare and found only on size 8." Mr. Perry recognized no other shades of the series. Size 8 is the large, legal size envelope. Used copies that are faded might be mistaken for this variety.

A frequent question from beginners is where they may obtain a list showing all U. S. stamps. Scott's Specialized U. S. Catalogue is of course the standard philatelic reference list as it lists practically everything in U. S. postage and

revenue stamps. If a list is desired showing the postage stamps by designs only (no differences being noted due to watermark or perforation) the government's stamp book obtainable at 25c paper bound or 75c cloth bound from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., will be suitable. It depicts all stamp designs and gives information on purpose of the issues and will help the beginner to get firmly fixed the sequence of U. S. issues and the reasons for them. The Scott Catalogue if then studied will enable the collector to know his subject thoroughly. Any dealer can supply the

Scott Specialized Catalogue of U. S. stamps, the general catalogue which does not include so much specialized matter and includes the whole world.

- The first issue of Baden (1851) carried in the vertical panels of the design, the date of the German-Austrian Postal Union Convention of April 6, 1850, which resulted in Baden issuing stamps by agreeing to the Convention.

- The oily appearance of stamps from tropical countries is accounted for by shipments of stamps to those countries post offices being interleaved with newspaper. At high temperatures the water would saturate or stain the stamps.

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